(c) what measures Government propose to take to bring the conditions of the National Highways in comparison with that of developed countries?

THE MINOISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) National Highways in the country are generally kept in a trafficworthy condition. Their improvement maintenance is a continuous process.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Strengthening and widening of National Highways is taken up in a phased manner keeping in view the traffic requirements and availability of resources.

Installation of a Telephone Exchange at Vayalpadu in Andhra Pradesh

3810. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install/start a telephone exchange at Vayalpadu (Chittor district, Andhra Pradesh); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) A 100 lines MAX III Exchange is already working at Vayalpadu.

Fixed Wing Aircraft and Helicopters in the Country

3811. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial number of fixed wing aircrafts and helicopters are operating in the country;

(b) if so, what is their total number, broadly classifying it into different categories on the basis of (i) capacity, (ii) vintage, (iii) country of origin; and (iv) engine technology; and

(c) what is the number of aircrafts helicopters allowed to be imported since January, 1986 upto July 15, 1987 including names of each organisation allowed to import, the type and make of each aircraft/helicopters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Presently 350 civil fixed wing aircraft and helicopters having current certificates of airworthiness are operating in the country. Capacitywise, these aircraft can be classified as aircraft with seating capacity below 10, between 11—20, 21—100, 100—150 and in excess of 150. No vintage aircraft is operating in the country. With the exception of HS-748, Pushpak and Basant aircraft which have been manufactured indigenously by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, majority of other aircraft are from U.S.A., United Kingdom, France, Germany and Holland. These aircraft are fitted with either piston engine, turb-prop or jet engines.

(c) 49 aircraft and 52 helicopters were allowed to be imported since January 1986 to 15th July 1987. A statement giving the names of each organisation which was allowed to be imported and the type and make of each aircraft/helicopters is attached. (Appendix). [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 144).

जमालपुर रेल कारखाने में काम करने वाले रेल कर्मचारियों के लिए मनोरंजन की सुविधाएं

3812. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रतनपुर-बरियारपुर क्षेत्र के लगभग 8—10 हजार